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SUBJECT:SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE

1. GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS TELEPHONED HARTMAN OCTOBER 31 TO SAY THAT PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS HAD SEEN THE FIGURES ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR GREECE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED TO CONGRESS YESTERDAY AND THAT CARAMANLIS WANTED TO EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO HELP THEM IN THIS FIELD. ACCORDING TO ALEXANDRAKIS, CARAMANLIS EXPRESSED THE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT WE WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT FOR MAP FROM DOLS 50 MILLION TO DOLS 75 MILLION, THUS BRINGING THE TOTAL PACKAGE TO DOLS 250 MILLION.

2. IN RESPONSE, HARTMAN STRESSED (A) THAT THE FIGURES IN YESTERDAY'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, NOT ONLY FOR GREECE
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BUT ALSO FOR OTHER COUNTRIES, HAD BEEN DETERMINED ONLY

AFTER THE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY THE ADMINISTRATION;
(B) THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS CURRENTLY FACING SEVERE
BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS; AND (C) THAT THERE IS A STRONG
CURRENT IN CONGRESS IN FAVOR OF REDUCING AND PHASING OUT
COMPLETELY GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THEREFORE, WE
COULD NOT HOLD OUT AT THIS TIME ANY HOPE OF AN INCREASE IN

THE AMOUNT OF MAP PROPOSED FOR GREECE, BUT WE WOULD OF
COURSE CONSIDER THE PRIME MINISTER'S REQUEST CAREFULLY
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW NOW BEGINNING.
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